

Jukes Hill August 5th 1777

Sir I am exceedingly sorry to trouble you again upon a
 Question which you have ^{so} lately & clearly answered, but I find
 that the practice of the Commissioners is different from your
 explanation of the Resolves of Convention - I am informed
 that they have taken from the families of many of the afflu-
 ent persons who are gone to the Army - all the grain & the grass
 where there was plenty of both - & large families of small children
 to be subsisted - I think such things are counter to the
 Spirit of your resolves relative to them - & I must confess I
 cannot see the propriety of ~~stealing~~ ^{stealing} the innocent
 families of those who are sent to warring Sentiment of virtue & duty
 to their Country & families have left them in unhappy circumstances
 I know that your Hon. Convention mean no such thing - I wish
 something might be done effectual to prevent the continual
 applications of these families for relief, that they may not be
 left to starve, who have their whole grain & grass sold from their grass
 so far as the bearer of this has lived in Capt Conneys house since
 I have been here, has taken care to preserve the grain - I think the
 Soldier to reap it - I have observed nothing that had the appearance
 of unfriendship to the Country in him - however I know not his
 Character - ~~this~~ ^{this} paragraph relating to him, is on his particular
 request - as Col Boult has sold the whole of the grain to the Dr
 Ld Master Genl -

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